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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket: 15436.131.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Zhong, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/724,471)
Filing Date: November 26, 2003) Art Unit 2874
Confirmation No.: 9866)
For: OPTICAL ADD/DROP PATCH CORD)
Examiner: James D. Stein)
Customer No.: 022913)

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 25, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner set forth an Election of Species Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as two (2) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following two species:

- I: Figure 4 ("thin film add/drop module"); and
- II: Figures 2-3 ("optical add/drop patch cord with casing and various fibers coupled thereto").

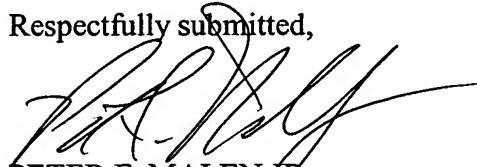
Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Species II (Figures 2-3) for examination, without traverse. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 14, 15 and 18-21 are readable on Species II (Figures 2-3).

Applicant's election herein is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

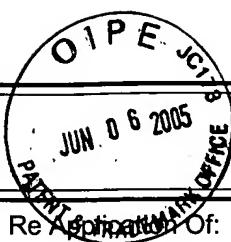
An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

DATED this 7th day of June, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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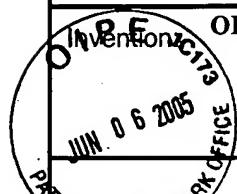
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